

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/905,034

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

1744

All Participants:(1) Krisanne Jastrzab (formerly Thornton).(2) Atty. Karen Fitzsimmons.**Status of Application:** _____

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Date of Interview: 19 April 2004**Time:** _____**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

7-8, 10, 31, and 14-27

Prior art documents discussed:

US patent No. 5,928,889 Bakich et al.

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet***Part III.**☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner contacted Ms. Fitzsimmons in order to put the case in condition for allowance. She indicated that she had a new reference addressing the newly added limitation of "biofilm matrices" (see pat. no above), but that she had not found appropriate teachings of the claimed biofilm-specific indicators to reject claims containing such subject matter. As such, she indicated that claims 14-27 were in allowable condition and that the subject matter of claims 7-8, 10 and 31 was free of the art. Ms. Fitzsimmons reviewed the Bakich reference and indicated that she wished to fax in an amendment placing the allowable subject matter into the claims to put the case in condition for allowance. The Examiner agreed to receive such an amendment..